

## PASTORAL LETTER.

BELOVED :

We need a revival of religion. The power of Godliness is not seen or felt in our midst. Our church is languishing. We are at ease in Zion, unconscious of or indifferent to the interests of our souls. Souls are perishing for whom Christ died. Souls are perishing whom we might entreat and bring to Christ. It may be that we have already withered as branches and soon will be gathered and cast into fire and burned. If the Bible is true our peril is exceeding great and imminent. Save, Christ, or we perish ; heal us, or we die ; receive us, that we may escape the wrath ready to be revealed !

As your pastor, I call you to your prayers and to special efforts. Of course we can not "set our God to time ;" but if we agree concerning this thing we shall have the desire of our hearts ; and I have determined to begin at

*Groups on, on Sunday, 30th inst.*

a series of services which I pray (and you too must pray) God to bless to the conversion and sanctification of souls. I enter upon every revival with much sorrow. Some will not believe, some will not repent, some will reject the teaching, and for many of these comes never again a convenient season. Is not this a sad thought ? Should it not excite us to greater faith and energy ?

If you are at all inclined to worldiness, to frivolous thought and words, to unworthy recreations or vain indulgence, just now deny yourself and be faithful and earnest and persevering in the help of the Lord against the mighty. Pray much alone and with others. Give days to fasting. Let the revival be first in your mind and heart. Make it the subject of your conversations. Bring others to church with you. Consecrate yourself and your time to this one thing. According to your faith it will be done unto you. O, believe and rejoice. Believe and triumph.

Arm of the Lord awake ! Send now prosperity. O Lord, revive thy work. Thy kingdom come ; thy will be done by us as by angels.

O thou God of all,  
Hear us when we call,  
Help us one and all  
By Thy grace ;  
When the battle's done  
And the victory's won,  
May we wear the crown  
Before Thy Face.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Faithfully, Beloved, yours and Christ's.

THOMAS S. HUBERT.

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Grayson,  
~~London~~, Ky., Oct. 2nd. 1888.

Dear Dr. Bedinger:

I enclose postal card receipted as you directed <sup>and</sup> subjoin a receipt for \$25 through Dr. Guernant - \$125 being amount of first payment. Mr. Mickel has written that we are to make title to him & he will hold the property until the trustees are named.

Mrs. Hubert has been very sick - hardly expected her to live. She is improving now.

You will see by the enclosed Pastoral Letter that I am "dead in earnest" at work. Grayson is a hard place. My meeting promises nothing; still I purpose continuing until I have made a record for God in some heart. Do pray for us -

Yours faithfully,  
Thomas Foxworth

\$25.

Ky. Grayson, Oct. 2nd. 1888.

Received of E. C. Guernant Twenty-five dollars in part payment of house & lot, sold by Synod, in Jackson, Breathitt County, Ky.

Thomas Foxworth

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Hayson

to use it in the service of  
the com. without any extra  
expense to them. I am not  
pleased with my service of  
Greenup Union & may discontin-  
ue there after January. Or  
if I continue there, I will be  
able to divide a Sunday  
between Olive Hill & Moorhead.  
I can preach at Olive Hill in  
the morning, and in Moorhead  
at 6 p.m. I am anxious to  
do all the work I can for  
the church. I would really  
enjoy it, if you to send me an  
all but impossible order. I do  
not want to interfere with Mr.  
Cooper's work, & proposed the  
arrangement above only because  
I have understood that she  
was in service simply until  
you could fill the place.

Grayson, Ky.  
Dec. 2<sup>d</sup>. 1858.

My dear Dr. Bedinger,

I have recd. a letter  
from Dr. Guerrant in which  
he states that you have de-  
termined to send me brothers  
Eavens & Hopper soon. This  
gratifies me so much, I can-  
not resist an impulse to write  
and tell you so.

I have had a hard  
time here. Many difficulties  
have opposed me. The political  
excitements played us havoc.  
Unrenewed hearts devised opposi-  
tion. Twice or thrice I was  
inclined to give up, when the  
Master would lift the burdens  
and inspire new hopefulness.

I was grieved to see my work  
so unfruitful, my meditated  
appeals trodden down, and

"the weedy place  
grow ranker yet in spite of me."

Answering my prayers, and efforts,  
and faith, a change has come  
over the spirit of Grayson's dream-  
ing, and I am happy to report  
that today we have the most  
active church in town. Our  
services are attended by the  
best people of the community—  
the lawyers, professional men,  
& fish merchants. We are  
having new congregations  
averaging larger than the  
Bayless Memorial ever had before.

I am leading the practices of  
singing, & make them religious.

I am told by many that the  
congregation is more in harmony

than ever. Our Thanksgiving  
service of which I sent you a  
program was a complete  
success—phenomenal audience  
& a thousand compliments.  
We will observe Christmas  
appropriately.

We will begin this week  
to paper our church, will  
then carpet it, & purchase  
pulpit chairs. We found it  
lath July spotted by leaks &  
besmeared with soot. We  
hope to have it in nice shape  
when the evangelists come.

I will write you of  
Oliver Hill in another letter.  
By the by, does Mr. Cooper  
desire to hold on to Woodhead?  
The probability is that I will  
have a vacant Sunday  
after January, & would like

I have scrawled you another long letter. I know your heart is in our work & that the encouraging news I had to write could not bore you.

Mrs. Hubert is in very good health, & is said to be "the neatest housekeeper in Carter Co." - a compliment of considerable size, I think.

Come to see us when you can, & give us notice when to expect the evangelists.

God bless you always,  
Yours, & Christ's,  
Thammasford

Very much sickness here. I have had to write with interruptions.

Recd + Ans'd Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 88 ant it's B.

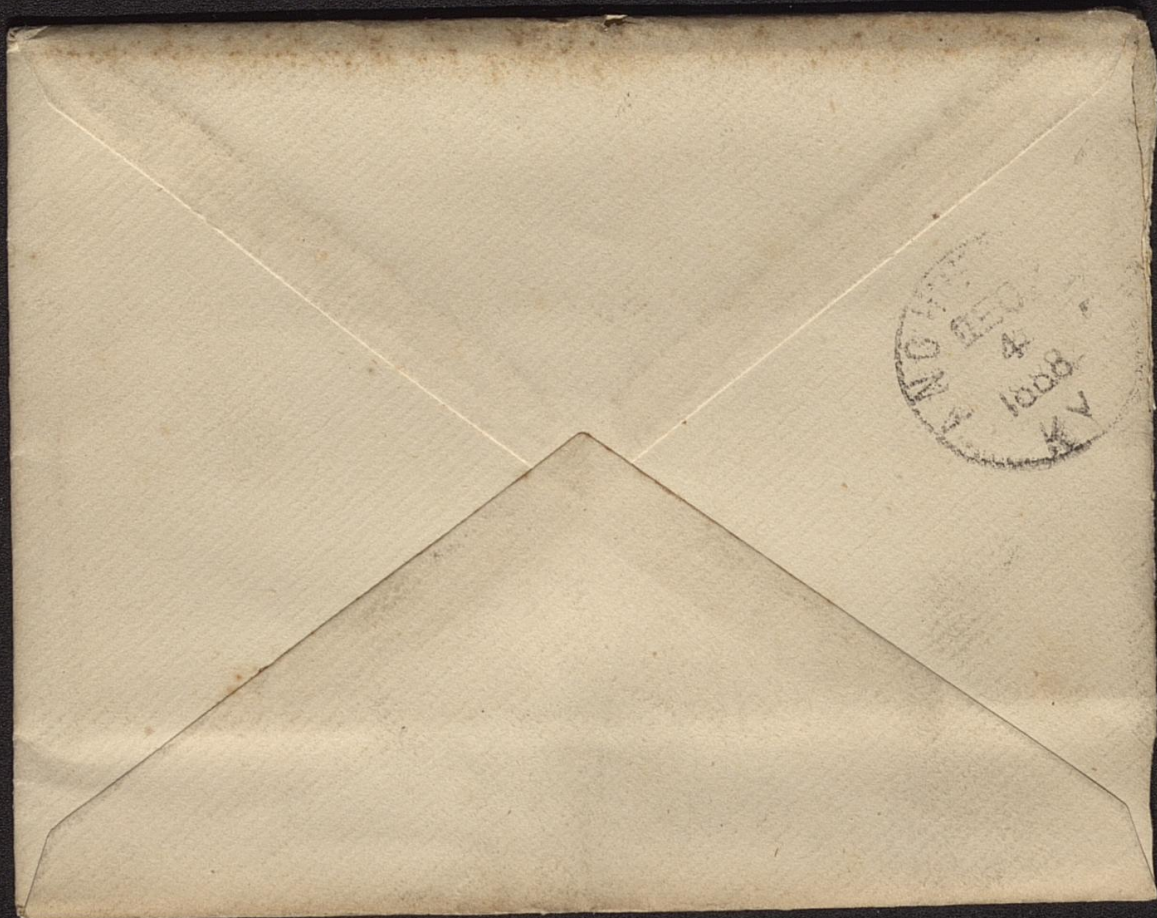
Dec. 3, 1888

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Rev. E. W. Bedinger D.D.,  
Chairman Evangelistic Com.,  
Anchorage,  
Ky.





Grayson, Ky.  
Dec. 11th. 1887.

My dear Dr. Guernant;

Your affectionate and characteristic note was rec'd. Friday night. The next day I went to Dr. Union & returned yesterday. My visit there was eminently satisfactory. On account of my health, I tendered the session my resignation which was not accepted, & they begged me to continue, doing as well as I had begun, & declared their sympathy with me in all the discouragements I had met with.

Today, Mr. Boggs made us a visit. He came, I am sure, of the opinion that I was a complete & unpardonable failure here — I.

do not mean that he was "set  
agin' me" or was stubborn in an  
ill will. He is a magnanimous,  
sympathetic, far-seeing brother; but,  
as I wrote you once before, was  
without a correct acquaintance  
with me. This visit was a complete  
triumph for the truth, & his mind  
is wholly changed towards me.  
He told me, before leaving, after  
having gone through the town &  
seeing those who are by no means  
my best friends, that he has  
confidence in my ultimate success  
here, that old troubles are dead  
& nothing was in the way of my  
happiness & usefulness. He left  
us in bright spirits, & as much  
gratified by his visit as we are.  
He complimented our manuscript-keeping,  
was delighted with the arrangements  
of our home - especially my study -

and thinks 100 per cent more of us  
than he did this morning. I give  
all the praise to God. I have  
humbly but perseveringly tried to  
make proof of my ministry, & con-  
fident that God was on my side  
have been indifferent to men. This  
vindication is only in answer to  
the promise that the needy he will  
not always forget; & I write of it  
to you, as evidence of the correctness  
of the work which I made. Do pray  
for me that I may walk humbly  
before God & do my tasks as ever  
in His sight.

God bless you always. My best  
love is ever with you.

Yours & Christ's,  
Howard Furness,

Dear Dr. Bidiger.

Guerrante says  
the plan is a good one.  
and says Mr Hubert will do  
well - sprightly & has been  
oppressed with sick wife &c  
Can you send him the 100 -  
Guerrant has gone to Selma,  
wants to meet the Com. on  
his return, said he would  
write you. Suppose you want  
call Com together till week  
after next. Please say to Dr  
Witherspoon that my pass  
has not been received.  
Yours very truly  
J. S. Hunter

Olive Hill, Ky.

Oct. 20th, 1858.

My dear Dr. Hunter,

Since returning to my Carter Co,  
cook I have been pushing my parsonage  
enterprise. Success is in sight. There is  
a call now for action. You will  
remember that I advised the purchase of  
property in Grayson - the house I am at  
this time occupying. While I was in  
attendance upon the Synod, our Methodist  
brethren bid for the property, & Mrs. Halstead  
who owns it writes me that I must meet  
her at Grayson the last of this week &  
close with her or she will sell to the  
other church. Her house is a lovely little  
cottage, well arranged, with nice fruit &  
flowers on the place & is a bargain  
at \$300 cash. I will have to buy  
this week or get out of it.

I have been at Olive Hill in  
a protracted meeting, alone - ych not

alone for God and with me. The church expects now a sure enough revival. The prospects of Olive Hill are in every way more flattering than those of Grayson. Olive Hill demands the parsonage, and Olive Hill will pay to Dr. Craig the \$150 he offered to loan us. It seems to me that this entitles O. H. to the pastor's residence. Grayson will not give as much as \$50. What think you?

Now if you will give us \$100. I will guarantee the erection at Olive Hill of a comfortable, cozy, & pretty preacher's home. Dr. Craig told me that he would give \$50 & lend \$150 to be paid back in four years. Mr. Cecil & Dr. Rutherford thought their congregations would aid. An outsider here - a young merchant who wants to be a Presbyterian, but whose wife is a Methodist & whose father is a Romanist - offers to lend me

whatever money we need after we have put \$200 into the cause. The church will never have better chances of securing a substantial, commodious, handsome preacher's residence. I can build for \$600 the house we ought to have, and when it is built it will unnecessary to expend further monies in repairs or improvements as would be soon necessary were we to purchase from Mrs. Aldstead.

To catch the first morning train, I have written current calams. Advise me by return mail. The Synod never before had the chance of securing a parsonage for \$100.

Yours faithfully  
Thomas Howard

Address me at,  
Olive Hill,  
Carter County,  
Kentucky,

(over)

And Nov 3. '88

Also wrote Hubert same date

(Overnot mentioned)

Oct 30, 1888

Olive Hill

HARRISVILLE KY.  
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Mr E. W. Bedinger & Co  
Anchorage  
Ala.







My elders here tell me that the town  
& especially our church is delighted  
with my ministry just introduced.  
My ignorance of presbyterian methods  
& movements hinders me in under-  
standing the reports you heard against  
me at Versailles, & in the present  
instanta ignorance has not proved a  
bliss.

Whatever was meant, I  
hope to disprove by untiring labors  
& zeal. I beg you to believe that.

My lungs are weak & I have  
suffered very much since reaching  
Ohio Hill. I am much better  
now. I do not doubt that I  
ought to seek a friendlier climate.

In my absence from Grayson,  
the Methodists put on foot a scheme  
to get me out of my house. They  
want it for a parsonage, & wrote  
Mrs. Atalstead to whom it belongs that  
they would take it at her figures.  
You perhaps heard that Dr. Craig

promised me \$50 for a parsonage <sup>and</sup>  
a loan of \$150. With \$100 more we  
can get the house. It is well worth  
every dollar asked; is comfortable &  
pretty. I may not be able to re-  
ceive more than \$50 at Grayson.

Mrs. Hubert thought of making an  
offering of \$50 to the enterprise, but  
is not so much now in love with  
Grayson & prefers to throw it into  
another of the church treasuries.

Mr. Cecil & Dr. Rutherford told me  
that their congregations would help  
us some. After I have done my  
best, if there remain a deficit, what  
must I do? Please advise me.

Of course you saw the  
C. Methodist of few days ago, with  
its malicious & shameless contin-  
uation of Sawyer's diabolical  
serial. I am very sorry this  
continues. I find it is producing  
bad feelings between Pres. & Meth. Ch.

Grayson,  
London, Ky., Nov. 14th. 1888.

Rev. E. W. Bedinger D.D.  
Anchorage, Ky.

My dear doctor;

I received your lark in regard to the purchase of Grayson property yesterday on my return from Greeneup County, where I spent some time in looking up stray Presbyterians, preaching and prospecting. On the new rail road, ~~two~~<sup>nine</sup> miles above Greeneup Union <sup>and</sup> three miles above Greeneup, there is at a newly made station named Wurtland, a church built by two enthusiastic christians - one a Methodist, the other a Presbyterian. The house is one of those abominable institutions known as Denison churches. Some few Presbyterians live near. I have arranged to preach for them the first Sunday in Dec. If we are encouraged, I would like to have the evangelists E. & N. there. Can you send them to me for ten days there & ten days here? A northern Pres. minister has been here and as Grayson is decidedly a Republican town he was successful in exciting some disaffection with us. A baptism of the Holy Ghost

wild right matters. We must have a revival of religion soon. If you can't let me have the evangelists so long, let me have Mr. Evans at Wintland & "Uncle Joe" at Grayson. Mr. Malloy of Oneasboro has promised me assistance here, & he with Bro. Dopper would meet the case.

Mrs. Halstead's title is clear & straight. Her husband with her will give us indisputable title. Couldn't you let us have check for final payment sooner than Dec. 1st? She sold at a sacrifice because Mr. H. had been sick, was in debt, tauntingly deunned, & was obliged to get money. Of course we are not to blame for any of that. Still if it is possible, I would enjoy paying her the last dollars now. I know you will do what you can & have confidence that you will do what is right.

Our Olive Hill meeting was quite a success. Our church there leads. It was my pleasure to receive the 100th member. A good, strong, farmer from that locality who spent last night with us told me that he wanted to come in, & that after I left he heard of others who will come to us. I pray God to bless you always.

Yours & Christ's,  
Thomas J. Smith

Olive Hill, Ky.  
Nov. 6th. 1888.

Rev. E. W. Bedinger D.D. Chairman,  
Anchorage, Ky.

My dear brother; Yours of the 3rd, I received today. I have been here two weeks in a protracted meeting, and away from my mail, had not heard of Dr. Hunter's failure to accept of your election.

Believing that the con. would not desert us, I have bought of Mrs. Halstead her Grayson house. It is a very pretty, commodious and comfortable, cottage <sup>and</sup> well worth what she asks \$300. (Mr. H. has been sick & without income for six months & she sells only because they are in need of money.) I have promised Mrs. Halstead \$200 this week, & \$100 early in December. Dr. Craig has promised us \$50 as a gift & \$150 on loan. With this \$200 I expect to pay Mrs. H. Mr. Boggs indorsed my application for it, & we are expecting it every day. We will have Grayson to pay back the \$150 to Dr. C. Your \$100 - we believe you will let us have it - will finish paying for the house. We had to close with Mrs. Halstead last week or be ejected. The Meth. Ch. was very anxious for the house; also several individuals. Olive Hill is a better place for the parsonage & would do more than Grayson will; but wants several months before promising anything. Of course I could not give up a certainty for an uncertainty - no matter how much more promising. The Olive Hill church says it will buy out Grayson next year & move us. If it does - all right. The Halstead house contains five rooms, a verandah, hall & back porch; furnished

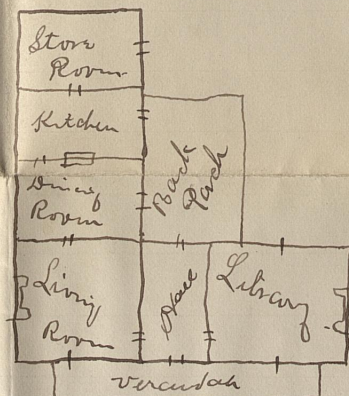
with grates; is nicely painted, & papered within. Seven different kinds of fruit grow on the lot. The house is substantially built. What repairs it needs I propose attending to out of my own purse. There is no member of the Ky. Synod who would not enjoy living in it. The Grayson property is best for us, as we have already laid in our coal, vegetables fruit, &c.

I hope I have not presumed too far in expecting your aid of \$100. Write me if I have not told you all you would want to know before ordering me the check. The Grayson situation is decidedly its own, & if ever there was an advantage in a passage it will be extraordinarily enjoyed there.

We have had a good meeting here. I return to Grayson this afternoon - adieu -

Yours faithfully,  
Thomas Fossett.

You may want to know the plan of our house, so I put it here -



Front

The rooms are 15 x 15 & 12 x 15 -

T.F.

Thanksgiving Services.



*Bayless Memorial Church,*

*Grayson, Ky.,*

*November 29th, '88, 7 p. m.*



Rev. Thomas S. Hubert, S. S.

## Invocation.

### Our Glad Jubilee.

Wake, wake, the song! our glad jubilee,  
Once more we hail with sweet melody,  
Bringing our hymn of praise unto Thee.

Oh, Most Holy Lord!  
Praise for Thy care by day and by night,  
Praise for the homes by love made so bri't  
Thanks for the pure & soul cheering light,  
Beaming from Thy Word.

Marching to Zion, dear blessed home!  
Lord, by Thy mercy hither we come;  
Guide us, we pray, where'er we may roam  
Keep us in Thy fear;

Fill every soul with love all divine;  
Now cause Thy face upon us to shine;  
Grant that our hearts may truly be thine  
All the coming year.

Yet once again the anthem repeat,  
Join every voice the Master to greet;  
Love's sacrifice we lay at His feet,  
In His temple now.

Jesus, accept the offering we bring,  
Blending with songs the odors of spring;  
Still of Thy Wondrous Love we will sing,  
Till in heaven we bow.

## THE PROCLAMATION.

### O Sing Unto the Lord, Quartette Anthem.

## Antiphonal Service.

### PRAYER.

## We Shall Stand Before the King.

We shall stand before the King,  
With the angels we shall sing,  
By and by; by and by;  
Walk the bright and golden shore,  
Praising Him forever more;  
By and by; by and by.

### CHORUS:—

We shall stand before the King,  
With the angels we shall sing,  
Glory, glory to our King,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
We shall stand before the King.

Ring ye bells of heaven, ring;  
We shall stand before the King,  
By and by; by and by;  
There our sorrows will be o'er,  
There His name we will adore,  
By and by; by and by.

Wake, my soul, thy tribute bring,  
Thou shalt stand before the King,  
By and by; by and by;  
Lay thy trophies at His feet,  
In His likeness stand complete,  
By and by; by and by.

## National Thanksgiving.

God of the passing year, to Thee  
Our hymns of gratitude we raise;  
With swelling heart and bending knee,  
We offer Thee our song of praise.

We bless Thy name, Almighty God,  
For all the kindness Thou hast shown  
To this fair land our fathers trode,  
This land we fondly call our own.

Here freedom spreads her banner wide,  
And casts her soft and hallowed ray;  
For Thou our country's arms didst guide  
And lead them on their conquering way

We praise Thee that the gospel light,  
Thro' all our land its radiance sheds;  
Scatters the shades of error's night,  
And heavenly blessings round us spreads

When foes without, and foes within,  
With threatening ills our land have  
pressed,  
Thou hast our nation's bulwark been,  
And, smiling, sent us peaceful rest.  
O God, preserve us in Thy fear,  
In troublous times our helper be;  
Diffuse Thy Truth's bright precepts here,  
And may we worship only Thee.

### SERMON.

#### I WILL SING the WONDROUS STORY.

I will sing the wondrous story,  
Of the Christ who died for me;  
How He left His home in glory,  
For the cross on Calvary.

### CHORUS:—

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story,  
Of the Christ who died for me;  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray;  
Threw His loving arms around me,  
Drew me back into His way.

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then He'll bear me safely over,  
Where the loved ones I shall meet.

### PRAYER.

#### WHOM, HAVING NOT SEEN, YE LOVE.

Savior, my feet have never trod with thine  
The solitary place;  
My eyes have never seen in human form  
Thy manifested grace;  
My hands have never touched Thy gar-  
ment's hem

With faith's unuttered plea;  
Nor hast Thou tarried when the day was  
And broken bread with me. [spent

### CHORUS:—

Whom, having not seen, yet I love;  
Whom, having not seen, yet I love;  
'Tis my Savior, so dear, is guiding me  
here,  
Whom, having not seen, yet I love.

But, Lord, my rescued feet are steadfast  
Upon the King's highway; [set  
And, tho', as yet, I may not see Thy face,  
I follow on each day.  
My waiting eyes are unto Thee, dear Lord  
In Whom I live and move;  
Whose love believed in is the fullest joy  
That earth or heaven can prove.  
I know that Thou art gone to beautify  
A place in heaven for me;  
And when Thou comest to take Thy chil-  
dren home,  
I shall be like to Thee.  
Then shall I wake and see Thee eye to eye,  
Whom now unseen I love;  
Faith's darkly visioned glass exchanged  
For rapturous sight above. [at last

### NATIONAL HYMN.

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills,  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees,  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake,  
Let all that breathe partake,  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The song prolong.

One father's God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright,  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

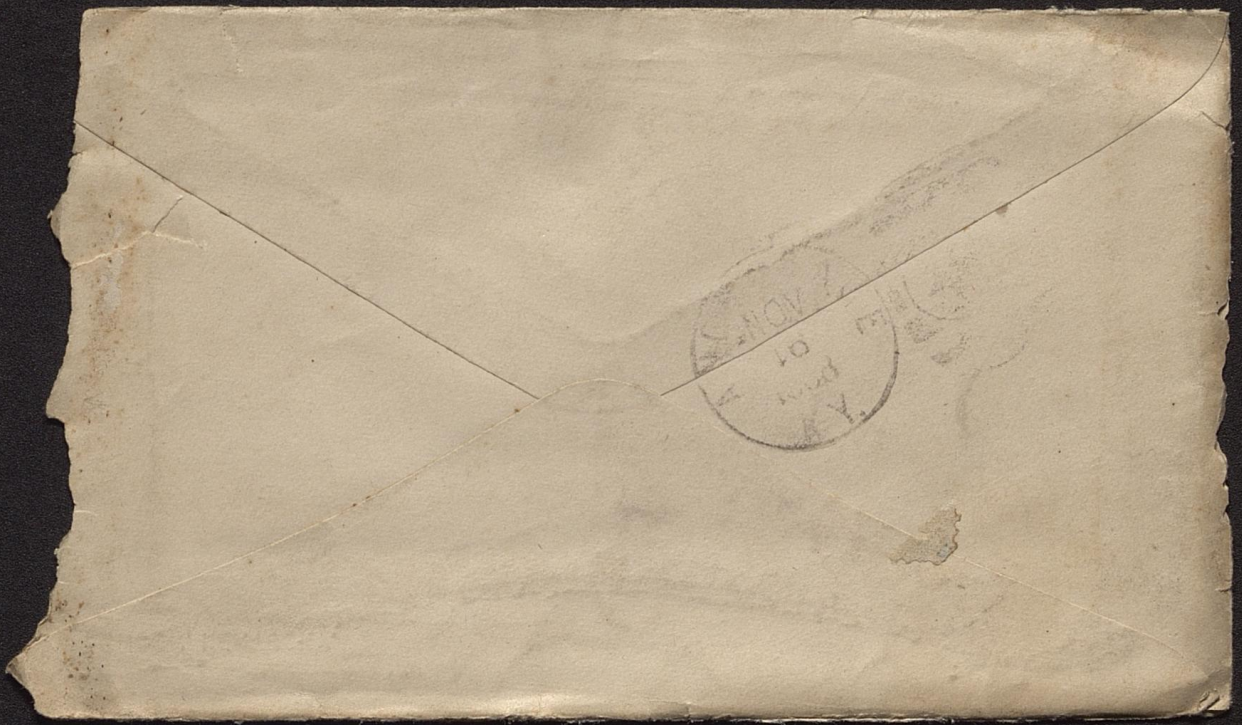
REV. THOMAS S. HUBERT,  
~~LONDON~~, KENTUCKY.

*Grayson,*



Rev. E. W. Bedinger D.D.  
Anchorage,  
Ky.





Wt. Sterling, Ky. Oct. 26th. 1889.

Mr. E. S. Porter, Treasurer,  
Anchorage, Ky.

Pay to F. F. Rogers

Thirty three <sup>33</sup>/<sub>11</sub> Dollars - amt <sup>due</sup> by Synod  
Com. Evangelistic Labor for month of October.

*Handwritten signature*

\$33 <sup>33</sup>/<sub>11</sub>

I return <sup>said</sup> the above  
order <sup>pd</sup> in  
my <sup>time</sup> given  
F. F. Rogers

Mt. Steady

REV. THOMAS S. HUBERT,  
MT. STERLING, KY.

Sept. 6th. 1887.

Rev. E. W. Bedinger D. D.  
Anchorage, Ky.

My dear Brother & Doctor:

I have much pleasure in reporting to you continued progress on my work. At every place my congregations have increased and our church "prepared as a strong man to run his race" outstrips all rivals. I have arranged ~~four~~ protracted meetings at all of my preaching places in the months of October & November. The churches anticipate these seasons with prayer & faith, and I beg you to hold us in remembrance when you pray.

I have never written you of my Olympia enterprise. I began visiting the station between Sundays. Advised by Bro. McClroy I now give it one Sunday in

each month. Olympia is a little station of three or four hundred people, on the U. & N. V. R. R., sixteen miles above Astoria. The people there have built a very nice church, it is not quite completed but can be used very comfortably, 35 x 55, of pretty design & of substantial construction. They have very generously presented me with deed to one-fourth interest in it for our church. This is worth at least \$200 or \$250 to us <sup>all</sup>, I know you will rejoice in it. There is only one family of Presbyterians at Olympia & it belongs to the Northern Assembly, but the Minister has kindly turned to us there some very fine people & with confidence I look for an ingathering soon. I will keep you posted of what is done.

The people about Hinkston will repair & put in good shape our old church there. The ladies of the community will care for it.

REV. THOMAS S. HUBERT,

MT. STERLING, KY.

Morehead which paid Bro. Cooper just \$10 for his year of faithful, self-denying labor, expects to pay me at least \$50 — perhaps more. Its contribution to the Evangelistic Fund was through Mr. Cooper's mistake paid the Stated Clerk of the West Lex. instead of the Ebenezer Presby. Of course the church will get proper credit. I think I can secure contributions from Hinkston & Olympia before the year is out.

You see I have nothing to report but what is good. My health catches more vigorous tone with God's blessings upon my labors.

May the Master whom you serve sustain you <sup>and</sup> prosper you always.

Yours Sincerely,

Samuel J. ...

REV. THOMAS S. HUBERT,  
MT. STERLING, KY.

Sept. 9th. 1889

Rev. E. W. Bedinger D. D.  
Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Dr. Broth<sup>r</sup>;

I preached yesterday at  
Hinkston to a congregation which filled  
the church <sup>and</sup> seemed to enjoy our Gospel.  
It is the opinion of many that our work  
there "is in better shape than it has ever been".  
I believe we are ready now for re-organiza-  
tion. Can you send me Bro: E. W. Huffer  
early in October? I can get some help in  
a protracted meeting there, but we must have  
the best. It is not an ignorant commu-  
nity, but one of the best in mind & finance.  
Dr. McCarvey of the Lex. Bible College has  
Campbellized it considerably and the Meth-  
odists have cultivated it some. However  
we own the church and now enjoy the favor  
of the community and can effect our reorgani-





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MT. STERLING, KY.

Sept 6, 1889



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Rev. E. W. Bedinger, D.D.  
Anchorage,  
Ky.

REV. THOMAS S. HUBERT,

MT. STERLING, KY.

Sept 12th. 1889.

Dear Dr. Bedinger:

I have today enjoyed a visit from Bro. Boggs. The promise of my work encouraged him and the development was no little satisfaction. He seems anxious that I remain to care for it and pledges me his sympathy and aid; but he questions if I ought to remain in Ky. another winter. His advice to me was ~~this~~:— Visit one or more of the Ala. fields offered me before Synod meets, and if I do not find there the great work which here depends upon me and if my interest is not awakened in the work to be done there as it is in the work here, return to Ky. and continue the service of the field which God's providence has placed under my care. I would be very glad to find a Southern

fields so anxious for my service and so responsive to my service as that I now serve, and I want to visit one or more of the fields to which I have been invited. I will however not be able to do this unless I can secure from you an advance payment for this month's service. If you can so accommodate me I will be able to make the trip at once and come to a conclusion of the matter before Synod.

The development of the work at Worehead must be a source of much pleasure to you. After a year's service of that church, Mr. Cooper's advice was to abandon it. But now it awakens to activity and effort. My congregations there often number over 200. Men who had determined upon leaving us are now glad to remain with us; and the church which paid Bro. Cooper less than \$10 for his year's service now promises me \$60 or more. I suppose its contri-

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tribution to the Evangelistic fund has been received. I was never more interested in a church than I am in our church at Morehead, and whether or not I remain its supply I hope your committee will care for it and pray for it. Though a church of small membership and of very poor membership it exerts wide influence in Morehead and promotes earnest Christian work.

I have written you of our new interests at Olympia. There is nothing more now to write. We have lost nothing and are at least \$200 ahead there. I believe we can organize at Olympia. The only other church there is the Campbellite.

I suppose Bro. McElroy will write you of Hickston. We have there a nice church all our own — properly deeded and recorded. The house is not in

thorough repair, but is promised it if I continue my work. Very often the house is unable to accommodate the people who come out to hear me. Their attention to the word is close, intelligent, sympathetic. I hope you will be able to give me Mr. Evans there or some other brother.

The field I occupy is certainly an important one. I know no other demanding such endeavor and interest, or promising speedy return. I am deeply interested in its prosperity.

If I judge it best to take a Southern work on account of my health, my love and prayers will here remain, and I hope I have at least written something to enlist your sympathies for these places as they are enlisted for others.

I am, always,  
Yours Very Truly,  
Thomas Foxwell

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Rev. E. W. Bedinger D.  
Anchorage,  
Ky.

GRANITE

Grayson, Ky.

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. '89

My dear Dr. Bedinger:

Thank you and the committee for recent action, <sup>and</sup> thank you for your kind letter. I will keep a brave heart, as long as you give me such sympathy; and I doubt not that it will return "in blessings on your head."

Our work here brightens. Three have been added to our list since my last to you.— all adults. The hope of the Bayless Memorial is not in its present membership, but in those who are looking towards us and coming in. The old list numbers some precious saints — but not many.

Mrs. Lawdowne, a daughter of Dr. Bayless, was to see us today. She loves you very dearly, admires you. Many cases have overtaken

her—the loss of property, bad health  
and last but not least, nine children.  
I wish you could find some pretext  
for writing her a note containing a  
word of sympathy.

I sent you yesterday the  
"Gospel Beacon," which I purpose making  
assist me in my work. I want to  
do your school a kindness; so if  
you will send an advertisement that  
will occupy four or six inches space,  
I will give it a free insertion for  
a year.

The printer did not find room  
for an article I had written on the  
Evangelistic work; but it will appear  
next month.

Let me have the advertisement, <sup>and</sup>  
believe me, always,

Faithfully,  
Yours & Christ's,  
Thomas Foxcroft,



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GRAYSON, KY.



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Ky.



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GRAYSON, KY.

July 16th. 1889.

My dear Dr. Bedinger:

I have just returned from Kingston, where I preached Saturday and Sunday. I am very happy to be able to make you a good report. Notwithstanding preaching at three other churches, in the same community, at the same hour, our house was so crowded benches had to be brought from a near school house, and even then as many as thirty men remained on the outside. The attention that is paid my sermons is close and sympathetic. This is particularly gratifying as other ministers of the community are treated with outrageous misbehavior. The people there belong to the

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Southern Meth. & Campbellite churches. I have gently & humbly hinted that they might co-operate with us in the building again of Hingetow. They kindly entertain the hint <sup>and</sup> I expect something of it. This much is already gained:— Men & women have found we are not the awful bugbears their prejudices have pictured and say openly they are "almost Presbyterians". I assure you I shall, with all my mind & heart, labor that they may be not almost, but altogether such as we. The ready reception our gospel is enjoying has been heard at Ut. Staling by our church there with a pleasure which re-inspires them. Judge W. S. Richart, one of our

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Wt Sterling elders will be delighted to tell you all you might want to know about Hingston <sup>and</sup> my work there. He has a very large farm near the church, <sup>and</sup> his first wife sleeps under the trees which stand about it.

Hingston is a church well known to the pioneers of the days of Bayless <sup>and</sup> Hendricks. It once had a large membership. Its membership is now reduced to two women who live three and five miles away. The church is in tolerable repair. We will remodel it some this fall. It is built on a very beautiful little hill, around which winds a small branch. The hill is grass covered, and majestic trees stand

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around the church. The lot contains three or four acres. This property was deeded us with the condition that whenever it ceases to be used by the Presby. Ch. it reverts to the Gillespie family or its heirs. Some time since the Campbellites essayed to buy it but backed down, when informed of the condition specified. We can hold it <sup>and</sup> must. The people have always paid me when I preached and they say if I will take pay in farm truck they will contribute more to my support. So I will make let Stalwing my home. after this month. Houses are cheaper there than in Olive Hill <sup>and</sup> it is the best arrangement I can make. At Morehead the work advances. I hope

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you will have more direct report of my work there. At Olive Hill we have much wherein to rejoice. With our exception our Olivet Hill S. S. is the best in Eastern Ky. From its membership of 15 which it had when my ministry began, it has grown to a membership of 80. We have there a Shorter Catechism class which does well and the younger children are studying the little "Catechism designed as an Introduction to the Shorter."

Mr. Webaue has taken charge of Grayson, Greenup Union, and Vanceburg. He is a very fine young man, a Princetonian, cultured, thorough in his Calvinism, of inspirational address, very modest and humble as a Christian should be.

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I attended him to Gr. Union when he first came to introduce him and have him feel at home. The preacher well — doesn't compromise the truth, but enforces it with much power. I shall attend his work with many prayers and many hopes. He has been very kindly received. Gr. Union gave me up with much regret & tears. In that community some who had not been to church in 15- & 20 years became regular attendants upon my ministry. One of these, a very rich man, I hope soon to hear has joined the Church.

The churches I am now serving will not listen to any mention of my return South. I am encouraged to try another Ky. winter with a vacation through the



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severest season. My heart is deeply interested in the work which we all see has become a part of your life. If God now blesses me in it, all I am & have is consecrated to it.

Dr. Grewant is coming to my help at Morehead & Hingston this summer.

May God bless you. Every thought of you & your consecration re-inspires my zeal.

I am, always,

Your friend & brother in the Kingdom & fellowship of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Thomas S. Hubert

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The Mountain Herald,  
Garrison,  
Cattlettsburg, Ky.



Ans'd July 17<sup>th</sup> 89

Rev. C. W. Bedinger D.D.  
Anchorage,  
Ky.

REV. THOMAS S. HUBERT,  
GRAYSON, KY.

June 12th. 1889.

My dear Dr. Bedinger:

I have understood from Mr. Boggs that he has kept you posted in regard to Clay City and the work there. He remained some few days after I left, and of course had latest news to give you. I am very grateful to God for using me in enterprising the Clay City work. Despising its discouragements and antagonisms, I undertook it. The ready attention our Gospel received, the prompt co-operation of people who had never before dreamed of Presbyterianism, and at last the organization of a promising church are evidences of my work. From Campbellites and Northern Methodists we had bitter opposition — but God was with us and our cause advanced. Finding they could not check our work, the Northern Methodists set in to check me, its head.

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It is hardly necessary for me to write you a full account of the painful matter. Their meanness is not the grief to me that the sympathy they have received in it from one of the Clay City elders has been. An additional grief is the attention Mr. Boggs has given this elder. There would be no grief in this were he an elder devoted to our church, faithful in serving it, prompt in response to its calls and delighting in its work — or, even if, without these to recommend him, he voiced the will of the church. On the other hand, he came to Clay City from Ohio and brought his Yankee sympathies with him. He never attended one of my services at Clay City — never heard me preach or pray — attended Dr. Guerrant's services just once — and Mr. Boggs only in an after Sunday School

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exercise. The only Presbyterian at C. City whom he has advised with is another Ohio brother, who declines to unite with us, but who has accepted the place of Asst. Supt. in the North Meth. S. S., and whose contributions to Clay-City-Northern-Methodism have been conspicuous and to us - wanting.

I am deeply interested in our Clay City work. I feel a tenderness, a love for the church there that I can feel to no other. It is my church. I am anxious that it succeed. But (as old time preachers say) it never will, it cannot, if ~~an~~ unsympathetic, pessimistic, elder makes its policy and is allowed to dictate and interfere with its work while he "touch not the burdens with one of his fingers." Mr. Boggs and Dr. Guerrant

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know this disposition of the man, as well as myself.

Of course association with such a man would not be pleasant to me; besides this, I found Clay City miasmatic and had chills while there and one week after leaving. Ah best my health is bad. My throat <sup>and</sup> lungs give me much trouble. So I thought it best to write you all this and ask what is to be done.

I preached Sunday at Kingston, by request of Bro. McCloy. This is a church twelve or fifteen miles from Mt Sterling. I mean it is a house. It has had no service in a long while. I found a tolerably good house on a very large and pretty lot, with large trees making nice shade. The surrounding

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country is very fine. The one strong  
Presbyterian church is scattered and only  
three <sup>members</sup> could be found. The house is ours.  
The nearest other houses of worship are  
those of the Campbellites and Episcopalians  
— both about five miles distant. The  
people promised to repair the house if I  
would serve them regularly. They also  
promised to assist in my support. I  
am satisfied they will, the first year,  
besides repairing the church, pay \$100.  
Of course I would not suggest to the  
Com. what it should do. You know  
the work, you love it, and you know  
what can be undertaken. If however  
you would let me take Dringston for  
Clay City, I think I would there find a  
work just as important, just as urgent,  
just as promising. When I preached

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Sunday the house was full. Dr. Hendricks who know the Stingston church thinks it ought to have preaching twice a month. So think I. Whether or not, the com. would appropriate to my service there, I would undertake the work to give it half my time. To Olive Hill & Morehead you have appropriated \$250. From the three places I could get \$200 or \$250. A small salary surely; but I am fast learning to "look not upon the things which are seen." The work must be done.

The work to be done now at Clay City is that of Church erection. We have our organization, are in favor with the community and need only to make ourselves a home. I do not think there is now the necessity of protracted meetings which once existed. The Meth's



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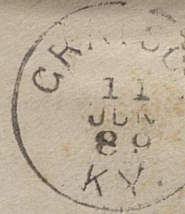
have a man at Clay City who will preach there every Sunday. They are going on with their work quietly & prosperously. Their Presiding Elder told me that he put a stop to their excitement <sup>and</sup> agitation. I was glad to hear it!

I have only to say, before closing, that I am vised as always "yours to command," <sup>and</sup> that whatever you and the Cou. think best for the work will be heartily seconded by me.

Yours Faithfully,  
Thomas S. Hubert

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Clay City

April 16th. 1889.

My dear Dr. Guerrant:—

Because I know you are interested in my Clay City visit, I address you this letter, which after reading I shall ask you to forward Dr. Bedinger.

The expectations of Clay City are fast materializing. The Co. has already put there an immense store—wholesale and retail, a three story hotel, and quite a number of single and double story cottages in the latest designs.

Everything already realized exhibits rare excellence of taste and forethought.

One thousand city lots have been laid off. Five hundred of them have been sold to parties who agreed to improve them.

A Bank is already started. One million feet of lumber is on hand to be put into the largest mill in the world. This

mill will cost \$100,000. The Company's machine shops are to be located at Clay City. The information I have is reliable. Clay City is predestined to be a large town.

Mr. Crowe, of Kirksville, has been once to Clay City. I heard at Winchester, from Dr. Blanton, that Mr. Crowe had been serving the town a year or more. This is a mistake. He has been there just once and left no appointment, though, I am told that he was very favorably impressed with the place.

I preached Saturday night at a little school house one mile from the City, and Sunday morning at a little Campbellite log meeting-house above the city, on a hill. Sunday night was cold and stormy, and we had no service. Both services were attended by the largest congregations ever assembled at either of the places. The officials of the

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road with their families were in attendance. The attention was marked. By far, the majority, sought me and expressed their pleasure at having heard me &c. &c. I endeavored to escape without making an appointment until I had heard from Dr. Bedinger, but they were so importunate and so charming with their importunities, I at last promised to visit them again the second Sunday in May.

I found six Presbyterians at Clay City, as follows:

The Mother VanCordell — a courtly, gentlewoman.

Mrs. A. G. VanCordell — nee Annie Mitchell, of Carter Co., who you baptised.

Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Lowry. Mr. Lowry is superintendent of the Road —

The Lowry family is very lovely - they are five gold.

A Miss Wilson, whom you rec'd into the church at the Furnace.

And one of the engineers whose name now escapes me.

The Methodists keep up preaching at Clay City once a month. A Bro. Daugherty - whom perhaps you have met - holds the field. He is a man of good heart, but of no education - sings his sermons in minor tones but to major lengths. But few attend his ministry, and none of the very nice people. The Campbellites have vacated the field. The Baptists have a church - log house - two miles away. His Insignificance, Sawyer, has sent himself an appointment there for the first Sunday in May. Some of the officials of the road are Methodists: - Mr. Corley, the President; Mr. Scott; and Mr. Rose. Sunday afternoon

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Mr. Rose gathered a company around himself and proceeded to talk up a Methodist church; but the Methodists have talked so much and done so little, no one was attracted by Mr. Rose's zeal.

This I would emphasize;— The church which first gets to Clay City, will lead there!

There are men at Clay City belonging to no church who tell me that they will join any evangelical body which goes to work there in earnest; and members of other denominations told me that they would stand in with us, rather than remain without church privileges. Why there is not even a Sunday School.

I was entertained by Mr. Charles Russell, whose wife is a Methodist. They will both join us and some of their



family. He is worth \$30,000. — said he would give liberally to my support. Mr. Russell promised any of his town lots for a church, and added that if none of them suited, he would pay for any of Co's which we liked better. We can get assistance at Clay City in building a church; and my impression is — and it is an impression that deepens each hour — we ought to move on immediately. Sawyer may start a list there in May. If he does, he will get the names of some who are not able to subscribe to more than one. I really think we ought to move, before he has a chance to.

In regard to my service of Clay City, I have not much to say. If Mr. Crowe will give it his attention and the Com. desires it, let him have it. I visited the place on my own expenses, missing an appointment which would have paid me \$14.

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My motives have been disinterested, and still are. I want our Gospel preached there. My first visit was on invitation. I made an appointment for May because I was pressed to.

I hope you will add to this letter what else is necessary & forward to Dr. E. W. Bedinger.

I pray that you will soon be in better health than you were when I saw you, and that God's blessings will rest upon you, your home, your work.

Yours faithfully,  
Thomas S. Hubert

William Ky - 22 Apr '89,

Clay City  
Dear Bro. Redmond,

His letter explains  
thelf - Bro. Hubert is younger & more  
practic than I - but the substance of his  
letter is good - Clay City is going  
to be an important strategic point  
in our net work & should be occupied  
soon as possible -

Maybe you could not do better  
than get Hubert to work it up. - Ar-  
rangements can be made for the Grayson  
Church - I think he prefers to move  
from Grayson, probably would like  
to go to Olive Hill -

Crowe will not go to Clay City,  
I think - If you send Hubert, let him  
go at once - & so presumpt The  
land -

Yr Bro Truly  
E. S. Gurnant -

Very busy morning

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GRAYSON, KY.

Clay City, Ky,  
May 15<sup>th</sup>. 1889.

Dear Bro. Cooper: +

Your note received. We have a very interesting <sup>and</sup> promising meeting in progress here and I will remain a week or longer.

I rec'd from Dr. Bedinger notice of the com's wish to group O. Hill, Morehead & C. Clay and an offer of the field to me. I have no wish to dispossess you, and will so write the com. I can secure another church which will pay as much as Morehead and will leave the Morehead work with you until I hear further from Louisville.

With much love to all,

Your Bro. & Christ's servant,  
Thomas S. Hubert

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Mr. E. S. Porter

Anchorage, Ky.

Dear Sir:

My service of your Coea.  
ends with this month. To make  
my appointment - Nov. 1st - in Florida,  
I must leave at a date some in  
advance of your day for issuing  
checks. So I will ask you to  
send mine, when it is due, to Mr.  
J. H. Rogers, Mount Sterling, Ky. -  
that is make the check payable to  
him & forward to him. I do  
this in order to avail myself of all  
my resources and be able to make

my nose without embarrassment.  
Thanking you for your favors  
past, I am.

Very truly yours,  
Howard Jensen

Mr. Staley

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Clay City,  
Cathlettsburg, Ky., May 27th 1887

My dear Dr. Bedinger,

I have just rec'd a letter from Mr. Rosegatter of the K. T. Co. who writes as follows:

"Replying to your favor of May 14th addressed Mr. Carley & co. we have decided to offer you the same terms that were given the Methodist people of Clay City, <sup>and</sup> that is, the Ky. Union Lumber Co. will donate to the Presbyterian Ch. lot <sup>and</sup> \$400 worth of lumber conditioned upon your part that you & your friends will raise \$1500 outside of this donation which is to be invested in Clay City in the church building or parsonage or both." Generous - don't you think?

We are expecting Mr. Boggs to

return today. Dr. Guernah left  
Saturday. I will write you a full  
account of the meeting later. I have  
been disappointed in nothing here.

Mr. Boggs will remain with me  
till Thursday or Friday. I like his  
methods — they are the most scriptural  
direct I know — and his sterling  
business sense I find indispensable  
in perfecting our organization & plans.

Pray always for us.

Yours & Christ's,

Henry J. Storer

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REV. THOMAS S. HUBERT,  
GRAYSON, KY.

April 16th. 1889.

Dear Dr. Bedinger:—

Some friends at Clay City invited me to visit them and preach there, stating that the preaching with which the place was supplied attracted none of the families recently located there and but few of the natives. I heard too of the determination of the K. U. R. R. Co. to make Clay City the Mountain Gateway, and anxious to have our church occupy a field promising so many opportunities for good work, I answered that I would come. The West Lexington presbytery, which claims the territory, recommended that I visit the field, and arrange if possible to serve it regularly.

I returned from my visit yesterday, and would report to you as follows:— The K. U. R. R., regardless

of expense, are making Clay City, a beautiful place. The most important officers of the Co. are there with their families, building handsome homes. The Co's machine shops are to be built there and a \$100,000 mill. The lands around Clay City are not as pretty as those of your valley, but are good for farms — in every way superior to those of Carter County. A church located at Clay City would not be long in becoming self-supporting. I was urged to make another visit, promised some money if I would come regularly. The people there want preaching first, then a church-house. I located six Presbyterians at Clay City. Several told me they were ready to unite with us, if we came. I already have promise of lot for church, and some money for it. The Methodists, excited by the interest and enthusiasm which attended my visit, began to count noses before I

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had left, and to make some figures on an organization. The Presiding Elder, J. A. Sawyer, who so shamelessly has maligned Dr. Guerrant, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Mickel, and other of our workers, in his church paper, has had an appointment made for himself at Clay City, beginning May 4th. He is a treacherous, unscrupulous, fellow, and opposes our work all he can. If he thought we contemplated occupying the field, he would not leave until he had secured a start for his own church. Now there are at Clay City many who are not able to subscribe to more than one church enterprise. We must not lose them. The Company will be more liberal in its subscription to the first church than to any subsequent church effort.

Many at Clay City, belonging to other churches, will unite with us if we establish ourselves there first. In short, The church first located there will lead there.

I have promised another visit in May. Mr. Boggs will accompany me and we will hold a meeting. We have determined upon this, without hearing from you, believing that you and the cou. would not disappoint us when we needed your help.

Of course my continued service of the place, is wholly a matter for you to determine. Mr. Crouse, of Kirksville, has been once to Clay City, but left without making an appointment. I found a more congenial people at Clay City than at Grayson, and would be glad to give up one for the other, still the work is every<sup>where</sup> the Master's, and I am happy in doing

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it anywhere.

With kindest regards, I am, always,

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Foxworth

Clay City

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GRAYSON, KY.

May 7th. 1889.

My dear Dr. Bedinger:

Yours of the 2nd inst, I received just as I was starting to my appointment on the river - Greenup Union. I am very much obliged to you and the com. for the liberal appropriation to Clay City. I make them there a week's visit beginning Saturday, 11th. Mr. Boggs will come to my help Monday, 12th. We think it best to get ourselves known there at once. We will hardly attempt the organization of a church until later. The Methodists and Campbellites, excited by my former visit, have proposed a Union Church. The proposal was a confession of weakness and will not be entertained. The K. U. Rail Way Co. is officered principally by Methodists. Mr. Culey, the President; Mr. Brown, Gen. Manager,

Mr. Scott and others of them are of that church. However the preacher sent to Clay City by the Meth. Conf. is unable to attract them to church and I do not believe they would build for him. My plan is to live at Clay City. It will be rough for a while; but the preacher ought to live there. Strangers are coming in whom he must meet and bring out to church. I will write you again next week from C. City.

Greenup Union sent \$3 this week to the Evang. Fund.

Mr. Boggs thinks it best not to give up Grayson entirely until a man for the place can be found, so I continue here one Sunday in the month.

Yrs. <sup>and</sup> Christ's, Faithfully,  
Thomas J. Burnett



can hardly be secured. They are on business blocks which the Co. has reserved. I am really sorry you could not get to see Mr. Culey - not for the lot as that has been promised me six weeks, but for something more. He gave the Methodists here a lot of \$500 besides. I wrote to him telling him what we proposed & he answered that besides the lot he will give us something but did not say just what. I would like to have that fixed. He is now in the East - sails for Europe on the 24th.

In regard to Bro. Cooper & Morehead there is not much to say. I am wholly at the Com's disposal, to labor as they direct & where. The note he wrote me expressing regret

Clay City, Ky.  
May 20th. 1889.

My dear Dr. Bedinger:

Your kind letter reached me Saturday, 18th. I am still at Clay City as you see. Our enemies have been so determined in their opposition, I could not afford to let go the hold I have gotten. I will, first of all, assure you that our work prospers far beyond all we had dared to hope. The success attending our efforts has been as surprising as it was gratifying - not that we were faithless but had so many difficulties we did not look for immediate success. Mr. Boggs was with us three days. Dr. Guernsey comes today. Our Campbellite friends begin a meeting tonight, and though my meeting was still in progress <sup>then</sup>

my Sunday School doing well, the Methodist posted through the town a number of notices like the one enclosed - all of which exhibit their fears and jealousies and confess a conscious weakness. We had a number of new members to our S. S. The attendance yesterday was 70. It has supplied itself with Gospel Hymns No. 5 and uses Rickwoods literature. Its penny collection was \$2.05 My congregations have been immense. Every day new names have come to our roll and we could organize today with a stronger church than the Bay-leaf Memorial. I will report Dr. Sherrant's meeting to you.

We have been preaching in a little school house which the Campbellites claim. They put us out today. There was no open door for our Gospel. We have however

undertaken a "brush arbor." The lumber cost nothing, half of the labor is contributed and the Tabernacle on its way to completion. It will be a very nice place for worship. <sup>God</sup> will serve us until our house is up. The willingness with which all responded to my appeals for help in the construction of the Tabernacle was phenomenal. Our people here are all exultation and hopeful expectancy. Remember Way City Presbyterian Ch. in your prayers. I ought to live here. This will be the most important of my churches. I am doing all I can to secure a house - scarcity of articles. The Company is boring for oil & gas and I am told in confidence by one of their engineers that the prospect is very fine.

The lots selected by Mr. Boggs



at having to give up the field left nothing for me to do but write him that I would not dispossess him. I also intended write you but neglected it in the rush of affairs. He has written me that he only intended to express an interest in the work and a regret natural upon severing connections with it. I also saw him in Lex. & he fully explained his meaning. The notice of the 2d Sunday appointment there came too late for me to meet it. I will stop by, if possible, on my return home & I hope to have Bro. Cooper accompany me. I will keep you posted of our work here. I thank you for your kindnesses to me. May God richly bless you always.

Yours Faithfully,  
Thomas Foxwell

May 20, 1889



Rev. E. W. Bedinger D.D.,

Anchorage,

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Clay City, Ky., May 14th 1889

My dear Dr. Bedinger:—

This visit to Clay City has been very gratifying in its results. I have been able to muster a few more Presbyterians and we could organize today with a membership of 20 or more. Sunday I organized a S. School with a membership of 25. It is officered & taught throughout by Presbyterians and already furnished with Richmond literature. It is a very promising school.

Mr. Boggs has been unable to join me here, but I have had the cordial and efficient support of our people already here. The great majority of Presbyterians here are connected with the Northern Assembly but they assure me that they will unite with us in our work and be as interested in its prosperity. There are some splendid people among them.

There is nothing more that I can do now. Our next move must be for a church, and the first move in that must be made at Louisville. Mr. Carley, the President of the road, lives there and only he can make us any inducements. Excited and disturbed by the success of my former visit, the Methodists have been doing all they

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could to advance their interests here. Mr. Carley is a Methodist (Northern), so is Mr. Brown, Gen. Manager, & other officers of the Co. I have been told that two lots of lumber sufficient for a house have been offered the Methodists by the Co. Of course they cannot afford to discriminate. Some one of our Com. must see Mr. Carley at once and secure from him for us similar inducements. So I write and ask you, if possible, to wait upon him. He is the most approachable of men, quick to decide and very wise in his decisions. My friend, Mr. Van Orsdel, thinks he will not hesitate a minute in agreeing to do as much for us as for any other church. The Co. once thought of putting up a Union Church. If they decide to do that, of course, we will defer our building. Mr. Carley must be seen at once, as he starts to New York in a day or two. The tide here is now toward us. Our work if pushed will lead on to good success. The Meth. have announced a meeting for May. The Campbellites begin in two weeks. I am making an effort to get Dr. Guernant out here next week. If you will see Mr. Carley at once and get from him promise of lots, <sup>& lumber,</sup> we will have abundant cause to thank God. I cannot tell you

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how much my heart is fixed upon success here. Clay City will certainly be a city in truth as well as in name. I purpose making it my cathedral-city, — will locate here if I can find a house to sell or to rent.

With cordial love, I am always  
Faithfully, yours <sup>and</sup> Christ's,  
Thomas J. <sup>W.</sup> ~~W.~~

About two miles from here where I have preached twice is a little Sunday School which I think I can capture when I come again.

Address me at Grayson, Ky.



RETURN TO  
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DIV. MANAGER,  
CLAY CITY, KY.

*Clay City*



*Mr. C. starts to Europe  
next week - so please del.  
him at once.*

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